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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 12, and 14 - 18 are pending in the present application. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of Claim 5 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled and represented in independent form as Claim 18, while Claims 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 14 - 17 have been amended to provide the proper dependency from Claim 18, leaving Claims 2 - 4, 6 - 12, and 14 - 18 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments and none of the amendments have been made to overcome any of the cited references. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims based upon the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Amended Claims

Claims 2, 3 and 4 have been amended to provide for combinations of fire retardant salts with the potassium perfluorobutane sulfonate in the concentrate. Support for this amendment may be found at least on page 3 of the specification on line 24.

Claim 4 has also been amended to use the term "concentrate" to provide for the proper dependency from Claim 18.

Claims 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended to use the term "potassium perfluorobutane sulfonate" to provide for the proper dependency from Claim 18.

Claim 14 has been amended to change "flame" to "fire" in order to provide the proper antecedent basis. Support for this amendment may be found in at least Claim 1 as originally filed. Claim 14 has also been amended by the addition of the phrase "polycarbonate in the fire resistant polycarbonate composition" to provide the proper antecedent basis from Claim 18. Support for the amendment may be found on page 4 lines 1 - 5 where total resin is shown to be the total resin in the final composition.

Claim 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended by the addition of the phrase "in the fire resistant polycarbonate compositions" to provide the proper antecedent basis from Claim 18. Support for the amendment may be found on page 4 lines 1 - 5.

As stated above, all dependent claims have been amended to provide for the proper numerical dependency from Claim 18.

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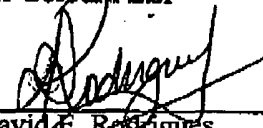
It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Advisory Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No.07-0862 maintained by Assignee.

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